

CAA News

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Reunion Luncheon a Big Success

More than 60 retirees and guests enjoyed the reunion luncheon that was delayed from last fall to this April. Security was tight at Andrews AFB, but everyone managed to find their way to the Officers Club. A cash bar, delicious buffet, lovely background music, and nice door prizes made the event especially enjoyable. Shirley Jones arranged for the door prizes, which included disposable cameras, packs of blank videotapes, and picnic sets. Ed Goldfield took an informal survey about the schedule and locations of future reunions, and the results will be considered at the next board meeting. We'll let you know when and where the next one is scheduled.

Long-Term Care Program Begins

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has announced the dates for implementation of the Long Term Care Insurance Program. OPM has contracted with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and John Hancock Life Insurance Company, who have come together as LTC Partners to provide this insurance. It is not health insurance and does not replace your Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) coverage. It is insurance to cover long-term care needs such as nursing home care, assisted living facility care, formal and informal care in your home, and adult day care, which are generally not covered by your FEHB plan.

OPM offers regular program updates on their Long Term Care Web site at

<http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc>. They offer the following facts to start you thinking:

- Neither FEHB, TRICARE, nor Medicare was designed to cover long-term care.
- Today's national average cost for home care is \$20,000 annually, and \$50,000 a year for care in a nursing home.
- Forty percent of persons receiving long-term care in this country are under age 65.
- According to a recent survey, people who do not

own long-term care insurance expected coverage to cost an average 50 percent more than it actually does.

Twenty-two states allow either a deduction from your state taxes or a state tax credit for purchasing long-term care insurance. Check for your state at: http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/state_incentives/index.htm

Annuitants will be subject to full underwriting. This means that they will have to answer numerous health-related questions. It may also include a review of medical records and/or a personal interview. This is the same level of underwriting that those who purchase individual policies in the private market undergo.

The actual Open Season enrollment period for RETIREES will be in 60-day periods from July 1 through the end of the year. (The 60-day period for EMPLOYEES has been announced as July 1 through August 30.)

The Latest on Alzheimer's Disease

Signs and Symptoms—Contact your doctor for a complete exam if you experience poor judgment, such as wearing your bathrobe to the grocery store; if you sometimes forget where you live; or if you have experienced significant personality changes.

Diagnosis—In most cases, standard tests and exams can provide an early diagnosis. Researchers have also found that positron emission tomography (PET) scans of the brain can provide even more accurate diagnoses.

Treatment—Some sufferers may have their symptoms reduced or temporarily relieved with drugs that inhibit the breakdown of a brain chemical needed for memory and judgment.

Prevention—There is some evidence that taking a youth-strength tablet of ibuprofen every day may help stave off the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

Source: Your Health magazine, Spring 2002

News From Alumni

[Bless all you members who sent in your messages! Now, let's hear from the rest of you.]

Art Young says he is still living in Camp Springs and "reading all those magazines you'll never find in the Director's office." [Huh?]

Jewel Dennis thanks us for keeping her in touch with former coworkers. She says she's happy to hear about them, even the ones she knows only by name.

Ziggy "Ski" Krivitsky wrote to say that he still enjoys golfing daily at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Indianhead, as well as weight training at the College of Southern Maryland La Plata campus.

Shirley Hibbets says she is greatly enjoying her retirement. She's "learning to become a wife again," having married her widowed neighbor after 16 years of being a widow herself. He used to take care of her place while she was on trips for the Bureau, and at the end of one trip she found red roses and a new pet dog, she says, "I guess that did it!" Their honeymoon was on a cruise to Alaska, which was great. [I wonder who took care of the dog?] She says her life is full of blessings from God.

Maury Spillane sent in his e-mail address (sumospy@netsync.net), along with his regards to the *CAA News* editor, who he says, "Continues to do a terrific job." [Thanks, Maury; the check is in the mail.]

Nancy Hope reminded Ezilda Gorman (our intrepid secretary) that they met through square dancing. She says she is thankful she and her husband Bill got settled in Lillian, AL (on the Pensacola, FL, border), before he died 3 years ago. Her youngest child, Veronica, lives with her. She "absolutely love[s] it [t]here" and says she has to fight off the neighbors, who can't do enough for them. Nancy stays busy with church work, as well as writing her weekly column "The Hope Chest," which is carried in three local newspapers. She is trying to find out what ever happened to Helen Collins—if you know, please e-mail Nancy at nancyh@gulfnet.com.

Milton Lieberman wrote to express his sadness at the passing of Bob Voight. He said that Bob was Milton's boss during the 1940 and 1950 census periods, and that he was an able and sympathetic supervisor. Also that he was a fine administrator

who handled problems with patience, dispatch, and good judgment, and that he was always solicitous of coworkers' ideas and available to help with work or personal problems. He says, "Bob was a gentleman and a friend; he will be missed."

Don Starsinic [our most faithful correspondent] says he doesn't know why more alumni don't keep in touch. He reported that **Jerry Glynn** is very active in his NARFE chapter in Austin, TX (in his second term as chapter president); **Sharon Baucom** and husband Rick live in Dale City, VA, and "are gallivanting all over the globe"; **Don Hirschfeld** is involved in Appalachian Trail activities and local DC goings-on; **Ward Jones**, who retired to Australia years ago, returned for a visit with his daughter and her family in Germantown, MD, last June; and **Sandy Miller** and husband Joe moved to Bedford, PA, about a year ago, and the Starsinics visited them last August.

Don also reports that he and Margaret experienced a tornado while visiting her aunt and cousins in Illinois last October and were without light, heat, and water for two days of bitterly cold weather. Don continues his involvement with NARFE, AARP, the neighborhood association, and tutoring. Also, he and Margaret are volunteer ushers at the Lexington (KY) opera house, where they have enjoyed some shows (especially "My Fair Lady") and puzzled over others (notably "Rent"). Don also says he was good friends with Grace Walbel [whose death we reported last issue], and they lunched together whenever Don visited the Bureau after his retirement. He teased her about taking so long to retire . . . and regrets she only had about 6 months to enjoy it.

Percy R. Moore retired on October 3, 2000, after 51 years and 6 months of government service. One of his retirement plans was to visit his three brothers in Washington state, Chicago, and Florida, but within the space of less than 6 months all three died. He still has a brother and a sister in Chicago whom he plans to visit this year.

Bill Micarelli, who served for several years as the Bureau's historian and who retired last year, is favorably featured in the Spring 2002 issue of *Kiplinger's Mutual Funds* magazine (p. 23). Check it out at your library or on the newsstand.

Ann Filetti wrote to say that she and husband Ed moved into their new house in Douglassville, PA. Two of their best friends are building on adjoining lots. All three have Borzois (Russian wolfhounds), and Ann also has whippets. She invites old friends to call them at 610-689-0753.

Little Butler wrote to give us her new address in Jacksonville, FL, where she recently moved from Croom, MD, to be near her daughter Claudia and her family. She lives near the Inland Waterway and loves the scenery. She's taking water exercise classes. If you'd like to contact her, call her at 904-220-8104.

Ty Sturdevant writes to say that he and wife Roberta recently had dinner with other Census retirees Ron Pienzykoski, Irv True, and Sol Helfand and their wives, and Gerry Post. Ty says he still enjoys the best health of his life: He won gold medals in the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter dashes, and a silver medal in his first competition in the 800-meter run. He and Roberta will mark their 50th wedding anniversary in June and plan to get together with children and grandchildren in Wisconsin Dells to celebrate.

DEATHS

Michael G. Farrell, 64, died January 19 at a hospice in Venice, FL. He had brain cancer. He worked at the Census Bureau from 1962 until retiring in 1993. He was the Bureau's Assistant Director in charge of conducting the 1982 economic and agriculture censuses. He also was in charge of a 20-year effort to convert the economic censuses into computer form, and he developed computer programs for the Foreign Trade Division. He was awarded the Department of Commerce's Bronze and Silver Medals for those efforts. He then went to work in the Bureau's International Program, where he served overseas as the Principal Statistical Advisor to the Ministry of Finance of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. After completing that assignment, he went to work in the Bureau's Foreign Trade Division, where he developed a new data series, now published annually, called Exporter Profiles. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Marry Ann, two sons, a sister, and three grandchildren.

Debbie Barrett died February 1 after being in a coma for 17 months following a rollerblading accident. She worked at the Census Bureau from 1976 until her retirement in 1998. During her 22 years at the Census Bureau, Debbie worked in the User Training Branch of the old Data User Services Division, then became chief of the Customer Services Branch in 1978. When DUSD was dissolved, she moved to the Public Information Office. Prior to working at the Census Bureau, Debbie worked for the United Nations in Geneva and for DUALabs. She was a graduate of Stanford University and the University of California Library School. After retirement, Debbie was an active volunteer in her church and with the Fairfax County Library System. Survivors include her husband, Bob Stevenson; two sons, Calvin and Alex; and her mother, Barbara Barrett.

William Lerner, 87, died February 8 as a result of the combination of broken hip and hip surgery and a heart condition. He came to the Census Bureau just after World War II, retired officially in 1980, then came back for another year as a reemployed annuitant. During his career, he moved up through the ranks in the Statistical Reports Division, became chief of the General Reports Division in 1970, and was assistant division chief of the Data User Services Division from 1973 to 1980. He was deeply involved in producing the Statistical Abstract, along with such other reports as the Historical Statistics of the United States, Congressional Data Book, and State and Metropolitan Area Data Book, and he helped develop the County and City Data Book in both print and electronic form. He also developed the first Pocket Data Book, which was focused on introducing statistics to school children. In retirement Bill split his time between his home in Silver Spring and a condo in West Palm Beach. During those years he became an avid tennis player and was still playing almost until his death. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ethel; a son and a daughter; a brother and a sister; and four grandchildren.

James G. Stockard, 87, died of leukemia February 14 at his home in Alexandria, VA. He worked for a number of government agencies during his 35-year civil service career, and he spent three terms as

chairman of the Arlington County (VA) school board. At the Census Bureau, he worked in the old Personnel Division, where he specialized in training and employee development. In retirement, he worked as a management consultant and author, writing five books, including *Career Development and Job Training: A Manager's Handbook*. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nadene, three children, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Marshall A. O'Hara, 86, who retired in 1975 after about 30 years as a logistics specialist with the Air Force Department, died of pulmonary anemia February 14. Prior to World War II, he came to Washington to work for the Weather Bureau and the Census Bureau. He served in the Army Air Force during the war. Survivors include three daughters, a brother, a sister, and four grandchildren. His wife, Mildred, died in 2001.

Martha C. Johnson, 83, died of cancer February 6 at her home in Washington, DC. She was a clerk for a short time at the Census Bureau and at Marine Corps headquarters before starting her teaching career at Syphax Elementary School. There are no immediate survivors.

Rose Elizabeth Cornish Cassidy, 73, died March 2 after a heart attack. She had Alzheimer's disease. She did economics research at the Census Bureau from 1960 to 1963. Survivors include three children, two sisters, and a grandson.

Philip Lawrence Vogel, 86, died March 24 at a nursing home in Burtonsville, MD. He had congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease. He spent 27 years with the DC police department. After his retirement in 1966, he went to work at the Census Bureau and retired in 1979 as a financial statistics examiner. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Theresa Mancini Vogel; three children; a brother; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

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Your contributions are welcome on any subject of interest to former Census Bureau employees, especially news of yourselves and your families. Please send contributions to CAA, P.O. Box 1480, Suitland, MD 20752, or to gmann928@hotmail.com. (E-mail is preferred.)

Sunglasses for Your Health

Sunglasses not only make it easier to see in bright sunlight, they may also protect the long-term health of your eyes.

"Without protection, the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can contribute to cataracts and other problems," says Mark J. Scheffkind, chief of ophthalmology surgery at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria, VA. "Everyone can benefit from protecting the eyes, but sunglasses are especially important for those who have certain eye conditions."

To protect your eyes, you should wear sunglasses whenever you're outside on a sunny day, and especially if you—

- have macular degeneration or other retinal problems
- had cataract surgery to replace a damaged lens with an artificial one
- take medications that make the skin more sensitive to light. These medications can also make your eyes more vulnerable.

When you shop for sunglasses, check the tag to be sure that they block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays. Labels that say "UV absorption up to 400nm" or "meets ANSI UV requirements" should do the job. Dark glasses, which filter out more visible light, may not protect well from UV damage. And try to choose glasses with large lenses that fit close and wrap around. Be aware that high prices and designer names may reflect fashion trends or durability rather than eye protection.